Treating of effluents by newsprint plants

224. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many newsprint plants in India are treating effluents conforming to the standards laid down by the Indian Standards Institution in the country;

(b) what action is being taken against those who are not conforming to the aforesaid standards;

(c) what will be the cost escalation per ton of newsprint if the newsprint units adopt the norms prescribed by the ISI and whether Government have received any representation from these units for relaxation in the [illegible] in view of the cost involved in the treatment of effluents; and

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating to relax these norms and if not, what stringent measures Government propose to take against the erring units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Of the four existing News-print Plants in the country three are treating their effluents conforming to the standards laid down by the Indian Standards Institution. The State Pollution Control Board has asked the fourth unit for providing adequate treatment facilities;

(c) The information on escalation of the cost is not available with the Government. The Government have not received any representation from these units for relaxation of ISI standards.

(d) Does not arise.

Pilgrimage to Sri Kattasraj in Pakistan

225. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan did not agree to our Government's proposal to organise a pilgrimage to Sri Kattasraj during the month of May, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on an earlier occasion also Pakistan had set aside a similar proposal made by the Government of India whereas Pakistani pilgrims are allowed to visit holy places in this country; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Kattasraj pilgrimage could not take place on the dates originally proposed by us in 1986 and in May, 1987 as these were not convenient to the Government of Pakistan. In order to obviate the possibility of postponment in the Kattasraj pilgrimage in future, Government, as in the case of other pilgrimages, is trying to fix a specific occasion for the pilgrimage from the next year.

राजभाषा के रूप में हिन्दी

226. **श्री पशुपति नाथ मुकुल :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्वतंत्र भारत में हिन्दी को वास्तविक रूप में राजभाषा बनने में कितना समय और लगेगा ; और

(ख) किसी एक राज्य विशेष के भाषागत विद्वेष के कारण अधिकांश भारतीयों की कब तक सरकारी कामकाज में अंग्रेजी भाषा की बजाये हिन्दी में काम करने की उनकी इच्छा से वंचित रखा जाएगा ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिंतामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) और (ख) संविधान के अनुच्छेद 343(1) के अनुसार संघ की राजभाषा हिन्दी है तथा अनुच्छेद 343(2) के अंतर्गत संविधान के प्रारम्भ से 15 वर्ष की अवधि तक अंग्रेजी के प्रयोग को जारी रखा गया है। राजभाषा अधिनियम, 1963 की धारा 3(1) के अधीन हिन्दी के अतिरिक्त अंग्रेजी के प्रयोग को राजकीय प्रयोजनों के लिए जारी रखने का प्रावधान है तथा अधिनियम की धारा 3(5) में यह प्रावधान है कि अंग्रेजी का प्रयोग तब तक जारी रहेगा जब तक इस भाषा का प्रयोग समाप्त कर देने के लिए ऐसे सभी राज्यों के विधानमंडलों द्वारा, जिन्होंने हिन्दी को अपनी राजभाषा के रूप में नहीं अपनाया है, संकल्प पारित नहीं कर दिए जाते और जब तक उन संकल्पों पर विचार कर लेने के पश्चात ऐसी समाप्ति के लिए संसद के दोनों सदनों द्वारा संकल्प पारित नहीं कर दिया जाता। संघ के सरकारी काम काज में हिन्दी के उत्तरोत्तर प्रयोग के लिए निरन्तर प्रयत्न किए जा रहे हैं।

Formation of Socialist Republic of Tripura by TNV

227. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the TNV leader, Mr. Hrangkhawl has recently anounced the formation of the "Socialist Republic of Tripura" as a sovereign and secular State; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) A militant organisation called TNV (Tribal National Volunteers) has its objective to wage an armed insurrection with a view to establishing an independent Tripura. It has formed a self-styled free Tripura Government known as 'People's Republic of Tripura' in June, 1984. In its monthly bulletin entitled 'Free Tripura' in June, 1984. In its monthly bulletin entitled 'Free Tripura" the self-styled President Hrangkhawl announced on 10th May, 1987, the 'noble ideology' of TNV as a socialist form of Government.

TNV has been declared an unlawful association with effect from the 4th February, 1987 under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Government of Tripura has taken several steps to combat the menace of a sccessionist movement of TNV, which does not enjoy popular support.

Chakma refugees in Tripura

228. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Chakma refugees at present in Tripura; and

(b) whether the Bangladesh Government has agreed to take them back and if so, what is the present position regarding their repatriation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) There were 47,336 Chakma refugees from Bangladesh in refugee camps in Tripura as on 13.7.87. The refugees have been refusing to return as they fear for their safety on return. We have been stressing to Bangladesh that they must create conditions in the Chittagong Hill Tracts which would give the refugees the confidence to return to their homes voluntarily. While the Bangladesh Government has been claiming that the situation is normal and the refugees should return, the refugees remain unconvinced.